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## NUMISMATIC NOTES

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### I. A HOARD OF ROMAN COINS FROM TARQUINII

AT the end of June, 1898, in digging the foundations for a small farm-building at about six kilometers to the north of Corneto-Tarquinia, near the church of the Madonna del Valverde, the workmen came upon a small hoard of coins welded together into an almost solid mass. They were not in a receptacle of any kind, but lay directly in the ground; and the rounded form of the mass showed that they had been buried or lost in a bag, or purse. The lump was brought to me almost as found, with but a few coins loosened from the others; and I think I may assume that none were missing.

In this state, the coins were quite undecipherable, being welded together with a very heavy oxidation. It required no little care, by the use, first, of lemon-juice, then of dilute nitric acid, and finally with a little soaking in alcohol, to bring out the various types. A few, indeed were so badly corroded that they broke with the slightest touch. I was able to distinguish, when separated, 178 coins; but 22 of these were beyond identification, either through breakage or extreme oxidation. Of the 156 remaining, all but 18 came out very clearly, and these latter could be assigned only to their proper reign.

The list below presents ten portraits, from Gordianus Pius (238–244 A.D.) to Gallienus (254–268 A.D.). The latest in date seem to be No. 8 of Gallienus, which may best be referred to 259, after his defeat of the Alemanni at Mediolanum; and No. 4 of the same emperor, where the legend *LAETITIA AVG.* (instead of *AVGG.*, as on the others) points to a date after the capture

of Valerian by Sapor in 260. Probably the hoard was lost or buried in 260, or shortly after.

All the coins are base *antoniniani* of the period, with the characteristic radiate crown or crescent, which therefore are not specified in the list below. Five coins of Gordianus Pius, one of Decius, and four of Valerian were gilt to pass as *aurei*. The types, in general, are common and well known. I have numbered them according to Cohen. It will be seen that five variants do not occur in his lists.

GORDIANUS PIUS. 238-244 A.D.

1. Obv. IMP. GORDIANVS PIVS FEL. AVG.	
Rev. FELICIT. TEMP. Felicitas l., with caduceus and cornucopia. C. 71. Two specimens gilt . . . . .	2
2. Rev. LAETITIA AVG. N. Laetitia l., with wreath and anchor. C. 120. Gilt . . . . .	1
3. Rev. LIBERALITAS AVG. II. Liberalitas l. C. 132 . . . . .	1
4. Rev. MARS PROPVG. Mars r., with spear and shield. C. 156 . . . . .	2
5. Obv. IMP. CAES. M. ANT. GORDIANVS AVG.	
Rev. PROVIDENTIA AVG. Providentia l., with globe and sceptre. C. 302 . . . . .	1
6. Obv. AS NO. 1.	
Rev. VICTORIA AETER. Victory l., with shield. C. 349 . . . . .	2
7. Obv. AS NO. 5.	
Rev. VICTORIA AVG. Victory l., with wreath and palm-branch. C. 357. Gilt . . . . .	1
8. Rev. VIRTVS AVG. Virtus l., with shield and reversed spear. C. 381. One specimen gilt . . . . .	2
9. Obv. AS NO. 1.	
Rev. VIRTUTI AVGVSTI. Hercules "Farnese." C. 404 . . . . .	1
Uncertain of Gordianus Pius . . . . .	4
(Total of Gordianus Pius, 17.)	

PHILIP I. 244-249 A.D.

1. Obv. IMP. M. IVL. PHILIPPVS AVG.	
Rev. AEQVITAS AVGG. Aequitas l., with scales and cornucopia. With AVGG., not in C.; cf. C. 9 . . . . .	1
Carried forward . . . . .	18

Brought forward	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
2. Rev. P. M. TR. P. III. COS. P. P. (246 A.D.) Peace l., with caduceus and cornucopia. C. 124	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
3. Rev. ROMAE AETERNAE. Rome seated l. C. 165	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
4. Obv. IMP. PHILIPPVS AVG. Rev. SAECVLARES AVGG. (248 A.D.) Cippus inscribed COS. III. C. 193	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
5. Rev. SAECVLVM NOVVM. (248 A.D.) Temple. C. 198	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
6. Rev. TRANQVILLITAS AVGG. In the field, B. Tranquil- litas l. C. 223	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
(Total of Philip I, 8.)									

## OTACILIA SEVERA PHILIPPI

1. Obv. MARCIA OTACILIA SEVERA AVG.	
Rev. SAECVLARES AVGG. (248 A.D.) In the exergue, IIII.	
Hippopotamus r. Not in C.; cf. his 63-64, with-	
out MARCIA . . . . .	1
(Total of Otacilia, 1.)	

TRAIANUS DECIUS. 249-251 A.D.

1.	Oby. IMP. C. M. Q. TRAIANVS DECIVS AVG.	
	Rev. ADVENTVS AVG. Decius on horseback l. C. 4. Gilt	1
2.	Rev. GENIVS EXERC. ILLYRICIANI. Genius l., with patera, cornucopia, and standards. C. 49. . . .	2
	Uncertain of Decius . . . . .	1
	(Total of Decius, 4.)	

## HERENNIA ETRUSCILLA DECID

1. Obv. HER. ETRVSCILLA AVG.  
Rev. PVDICITIA AVG. Pudicitia seated l. C. 19 . . . 2  
(Total of Etruscilla, 2.)

TREBONIANUS GALLUS. 251-253 A.D.

1.	Obv. IMP. CAE. C. VIB. TREB. GALLVS AVG.	
	Rev. APOLL. SALVTARI. Apollo l., with laurel-branch and lyre. C. 20 . . . . .	1
2.	Rev. FELICITAS PVBLICA. Felicitas resting on column l., with caduceus and wand. C. 41 . . . . .	2

Carried forward	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		<b>35</b>
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Brought forward	35
3. Obv. IMP. C. C. VIB. TREB. GALLVS AVG. Rev. IVNO MARTIALIS. Juno seated l., with corn-ears and wand. C. 46	1
4. Obv. AS NO. 1. Rev. LIBERTAS AVGG. Liberty l., leaning on column, with cap and wand. C. 67	2
5. Rev. PIETAS AVGG. Pietas raising her hands. C. 84	1
6. Obv. AS NO. 3. Rev. AS NO. 5, with an altar at l. C. 88	2
7. Obv. AS NO. 1. Rev. P. M. TR. P. IIII. COS. II. Figure l., with branch (Total of Gallus, 10.)	1

## VOLUSIANUS. 242-254 A.D.

1. Obv. IMP. CAE. C. VIB. VOLVSIANO AVG. Rev. CONCORDIA AVGG. Concordia l., with patera and double cornucopia. C. 20	1
2. Rev. PIETAS AVGG. Pietas l. at altar. C. 88	1
3. Rev. VIRTUS AVG. In the field, a star. Virtus l. C. 135 (Total of Volusian, 3.)	1

## VALERIANUS. 254-260 A.D.

1. Obv. IMP. C. P. LIC. VALERIANVS P. F. AVG. Rev. APOLINI CONSERVA. Apollo l., with laurel and lyre. C. 17. Two specimens gilt	29
2. Obv. IMP. C. P. LIC. VALERIANVS AVG. Rev. AS last. C. 18	9
3. Rev. CONCORDIA EXERCIT. Concordia l., with patera and double cornucopia. C. 39	1
4. Obv. AS NO. 1. Rev. FELICITAS AVGG. Felicitas l., with caduceus and cornucopia. C. 53	7
5. Obv. AS NO. 2. Rev. AS NO. 4. C. 55	2
6. Rev. FIDES MILITVM. Fides l., with two standards. C. 65. One specimen gilt	5
7. Obv. IMP. C. P. LI. VALERIANVS AVG. Rev. AS last. With LI. for LIC., <i>not in Cohen</i>	1
Carried forward	99



Brought forward . . . . . 146

9. Obv. As No. 2.

Rev. VIRTVS AVGG. Virtus l., with shield and spear.

C. 1288 . . . . . 2

Uncertain of Gallienus . . . . . 1

(Total of Gallienus, 15.)

SALONINA GALLIENI

1. Obv. SALONINA AVG.

Rev. CONCORDIA AVG. Concordia seated l. C. 28 . . . 1

2. Rev. IVNO REGINA. Juno l., with patera and sceptre.

C. 60 . . . . . 5

Uncertain of Salonina . . . . . 1

(Total of Salonina, 7.)

Coins wholly unidentified . . . . . 22

Total coins in hoard . . . . . 178

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